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# UPFRONT

## ELECTION

# Race brewing for federal Liberala candidate

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Becoming the Liberal party candidate for Niagara-Centre likely won't be a shoe-in for former Port Colborne mayor Vance Badawey.

Greg D'Amico, a local realtor, businessman and past-president of the Niagara Centre Liberal Riding Association, announced Monday he, too, hopes to represent the Liberal Party in the next federal election.

D'Amico said concerns about future generations motivated him to seek the Liberal Party nomination. "Niagara Centre's biggest export should no longer be our youth," he said.

"It's really something that's near and dear to me," D'Amico said, adding two of his three children have moved away to find employment.

"There's nothing here to keep them here. We have to really work to get this corridor into something we can be proud of so we can have our children stay, and have them enjoy the luxury and life that we had in Niagara."

D'Amico said he'd also like to enhance communication with other levels of local government, including regularly attending municipal council meetings to discuss the work being done at the local level and ways he can help at the federal level.

"We're lacking the communication to work as one body to go forward," he said.

D'Amico said he has been wanting to represent the Liberal Party in Niagara-Centre since his unsuccessful bid to become the riding's candidate in 2004.



Vance Badawey

Meanwhile, Badawey said he's working to recruit new members to the local Liberal Party in the hope of obtaining more votes than D'Amico during the unscheduled nomination meeting.

"Going into the nomination meeting, it's critical that we have members signed up because those folks are the only ones who can actually vote in a nomination meeting," said Badawey, who ran unsuccessfully for the provincial Liberal Party in 2003. "Hopefully, they will enable me to win the nomination and once again become the next Liberal candidate for the riding."

Considering the quality of the local nominees, the Niagara-Centre Liberal Riding Association's current president Peter Opdam said New Democratic Party supporters should be worried.

"The NDP should be a little bit scared," Opdam said — referring to the achievements of the two men vying to become Liberal candidates, as well as the popularity of party leader Justin Trudeau.

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"We think that this time around, if we deliver a strong message and people really get to see the leader and what he cares about and what he stands for, it'll be a very easy decision for voters to select a Liberal candidate in the election," Opdam added.

He said it's unlikely there will be any more prospective candidates for this election, since the riding's nomination meeting is likely only a month away and it takes a few months before nominees are approved.

"I think it's possible (another prospective candidate could register), but not plausible because of the timelines," Opdam said, adding the riding association gave D'Amico the green light in February, and Badawey's nomination was approved a month later.

In the meantime, Opdam expects a tough campaign between Badawey and D'Amico leading up to the nomination meeting — as well as a potential for "sour grapes" afterwards.

"I plan to make it my No. 1 goal to bring together the supporters of both those candidates and say, 'Listen. In the end the goal is simple. We have not been in office since



Greg D'Amico

2008, our goal is to win the election and we only do that if we work together," he said.

"There's no more time for the old way of one guy takes his ball and goes home."

Both D'Amico and Badawey agreed.

While D'Amico said he's "the better man for the job," he added both he and Badawey bring good qualities to the table, and he will never have a bad word to say about his competition.

Regardless of the outcome of the nomination meeting, D'Amico said he will continue to support the party, "as I always have."

Badawey said: "There's competition there to see who comes out ahead and becomes the next candidate, but there's no hard feelings."

"You work together to ensure a Liberal candidate is successful in the next election."

While the fixed date for the federal election is Oct. 19, Prime Minister Stephen Harper could call an election earlier than that, Opdam said.

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# NDP, Conservatives are ready

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Malcolm Allen isn't worried.

The Niagara-Centre riding's New Democratic Party MP has held onto the riding for the NDP through two federal elections since first being elected in 2008. And he hopes to continue to represent the riding after the upcoming federal election, likely taking place this fall.

"The local NDP riding association placed its trust in me to be their candidate again, and I look forward to the upcoming election," said Allen who was acclaimed.

"We'll leave it in the hands of the electorate to decide who they wish to have as their MP. Hopefully, the decision will come to me, but that's for the good folks of Welland to decide."

And Allen said he's looking forward to going toe-to-toe with the other candidates, and "a good spirited campaign."

"I expect to be doing a lot of hand work and I suppose my opponents will be doing whatever they choose to do as far as how their campaigns are going to be run," he said.

Although health care is a provincial mandate, funding for hospitals is provided by the federal government. And Allen said his campaign will focus on efforts to keep the Welland hospital open.

"I think the big one is obviously health care in the region and what happens to the Welland General Hospital. I think that's front and centre on everyone's mind," he said.

"But jobs are never far away from people's minds, either."

While there has been some job creation in the rid-

ing, "obviously there's more to be done."

"We're going to continue to do what we've done for the past almost seven years, which is represent the constituents of the riding from south to north, and to the best of our abilities," he said. "We have a very good office and great people who represent the folks extremely well."

Leanna Villella, who lost to Allen by just more than a 1,000 votes in the 2011 federal election, said she hasn't slowed down since then, remaining actively involved in the community.

"I go nonstop," she said. "I'm constantly looking out for the best interest of our riding, taking our needs and our concerns to Ottawa at every chance that I can get, speaking with MPs and Ministers and even the Prime Minister about the struggles we're facing here."

Villella was acclaimed as the riding's Conservative party candidate last summer.

And in the months ahead, she plans to continue focus attention on Niagara's economy and the lack of jobs in the area, as well as the lack of opportunities.

She said she's been too busy preparing her own campaign to pay much attention to her competition.

"The people are going to vote for the individual that they can most connect with, that has been actively involved and has the concerns of the community first and foremost in their mind and heart," Villella said. "I'm sure in the end, they will make the right decision."

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# LOCAL NEWS

■ **FORT ERIE:** Company's owner having tough time making ends meet as shutdown continues

## Business feeling the pinch

TONY RICCIUTO  
Postmedia Network

The road closed sign on Helena St. in Fort Erie is starting to have an impact on business.

For some residents it's a simple inconvenience, but not for businesses that count on walk-in traffic to make ends meet.

"It's really starting to hurt our business. People see that the road is closed, so they don't bother to come down any further," said Bill Powell, a technician who works at Tech Services Niagara.

The business sells, repairs and upgrades computers. It is located at 987 Helena St., a short distance from Garrison Rd., where one of the large road closed signs is located.

On March 9, a chemical spill occurred from a building at 833 Helena St., that caused the regional road to be closed. An environmental company was brought in to clean up the spill. Niagara Region has been working with the Ministry of the Environment and the company that has been carrying out the cleanup efforts. The work has continued on a 24-hour basis.

"I'm going to be glad when the cleanup is over," said Powell, who lives down the street, and sometimes rides his bike to work.

"We are open, and we put up a sign near the bingo place, but many people don't come down here once they see the road closed sign," said Powell. "I'm surprised that it's taking this long to clean things up. I saw them pull a big tank out of the ground near there and it looked pretty corroded, so it might have been there for quite some time."

The spilled materials have been identified as acetone, toluene and xylene, solvent-type substance found in paints or adhesives. Although dangerous, officials say the chemicals pose



PHOTOS BY MIKE DUBATISTA/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

A chemical spill from a building on Helena St. in Fort Erie caused the regional road to be closed and an environmental cleanup company was brought in to clean up the spill. The cleanup started March 9.

no immediate health threat to residents.

Ron Tripp, Niagara Region's commissioner of public works, said the closure is not related to any direct health or safety concern. The road is being kept closed to facilitate the cleanup and containment operation.

Tripp said he doesn't know when the road will be reopened, but testing is continuing to determine

the time when they can stop pumping from the ditch.

He said the owners of the property are a numbered company, but the name that is on the building has not operated for a number of years. The current owner was not operating a business when the spill occurred.

Work has been done to keep the containment on site. The spilled material was coming off the site into the ditch. It needed to be

contained and removed. It was complicated by melting snow that was getting mixed with the contaminated liquid.

"In the coming week, we might be at a point where we don't have to remove that material any more," said Tripp.

Anthony and Sheila Saar, who have lived on Helena St. for two years and have a large pond, said the Region has been keeping them

informed on the progress of the cleanup, but they haven't been given a dates when the road will reopen.

"I know they are testing daily to make sure the contaminants are being contained," said Sheila. "At first we thought this might only be for a few days or a week, but we realize they have a job to do, and at this point we really don't have any concerns."

The couple have a large man-made pond on their property that contains fish and the Region has assured them the water will be tested.

"We will have that done just for peace of mind," said Sheila. "We also have ducks and we haven't seen any change with their behaviour or any issues with the wildlife that is around us."

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# Poverty and joy in Jalapa, Guatemala

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Jalapa is a place of extreme poverty, the likes of which most Canadians will never see.

It is a place where a few sheets of aluminum propped up by tree branches counts as a home, and a dirt floor can double as a bed. It is where emaciated cows and horses nibble upon the yellowed and dried remains of plant life, alongside chickens and wild dogs on a desolate mountain slope.

It is, at first glance, a place abandoned by any sense of hope.

But if you look closer, you see something else.

Jalapa is a place of smiles. Not the polite kind of smile one would stop at a stranger by way of a hello, or the forced grin of a man trying to show his circumstances haven't got the better of him when they have.

These smiles are genuine.

The deep, joyful type of smile that makes anyone who sees it smile in return.

And they are mostly found on the faces of

children.

People who live in Jalapa struggle every day to survive. What meager means the people here have is used today to ensure they can try again tomorrow. For most, eking out a hard existence is the best they can ever hope for.

And yet they smile. And laugh. And so often.

I spent a good portion of my first day in Guatemala with a team of volunteers working with Wells of Hope, a charity that is based in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The real work of building homes or helping with water wells or education projects had yet to start. Our first order of business was to learn a little about the people who live in the town of Jalapa and the nearby mountains.

The town, much like Guatemala City a few hours away, appears to suffer from a mild kind of neglect. Every storefront, house or garage looks weather-beaten. Paint is faded and cracked from too much sun and too much rain. No one, it seems, bothers to give anything a facelift. So the whole town looks worn.

It is not uncommon to see a shoddy mud, brick and wood shack on the side of roads

so uneven they are barely worthy of the title, where the only furniture is the ground it was built upon. It's hard to see what anyone would have to smile about here.

Yet, everywhere we went the Wells of Hope team was greeted by enthusiastic cheers. Adults made a point of smiling and waving. Children chased our truck down the dirty paths of their community, waving so hard it appeared their arms might fall off.

During a brief stop, a young girl no older than six or seven climbed up on the side of the vehicle. She, along with a young boy I took to be her brother, didn't say anything. Most of us speak no Spanish, and she clearly speaks no English.

They just wanted to say hello.

The little girl smiled brightly. I took her photograph and showed her the result. She smiled a wide grin with teeth that needed some attention from a dentist, blushed, then burst into laughter. Everyone in the truck laughed, too, as if joy was infectious. I don't remember the last time I laughed so purely like that.

Ted van der Zalm, the founder of Wells of Hope, said the organization has been in the area for 11 years and after digging more

than a dozen wells, has become something of a household name.

But there is more to it than gratitude, he said.

"They know what is important in life," he said. "They know in their hearts that what matters is relationships. It's about love. In Canada, and in North America, we have all kinds of things we think make us happy. But they don't. Because it is not about the next iPod, or how popular you are, or how you look or if you have a six pack."

"It is about your relationships."

Yes, he said, far too many in Jalapa struggle each day. But unlike us with our social media and disposable culture, they aren't distracted by things that don't matter.

That simplicity, he said, is the source of those smiles.

I do not know if that is true.

I do not know these people or their lives well enough. But I do know a little girl whose life is harder than mine has ever been could find something to laugh and smile about.

And that is something worthy of serious consideration.

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## Shipwrecks — Bernard-John

**SKIP GILLHAM**  
For Postmedia Network

The Dutch coastal freighter *Bernard-John* was built at Foxhol, Netherlands.

It was launched on Nov. 18, 1954, and completed in March 1955 for general cargo service.

The 80.5-metre-long-by-11.7-metre-wide freighter was not a good candidate for transatlantic trading but it came to North America and into the St. Lawrence Seaway for the first time in 1971.

It would have taken a specialty cargo to bring the small ship so far as the 1,215-tonne capacity would not have been a big money maker for most traditional payloads. One photo of the vessel indicates a deck cargo of aircraft fuselage which is anything but a normal cargo.

After returning overseas for additional coastal service, the vessel headed to the Far East as *Singapore Jati* in 1974 under the flag of Panama.

It became *Jumbo Jolt*, with similar reg-



HARRY STOTT

*Bernard-John* is pictured in 1971 in a photo by Harry Stott.

istry, in 1983.

On June 13, 1984, the vessel was loaded with cement clinker and on a

voyage between the Sri Lankan ports of Kankesanur and Galle, when it began leaking off the coast. The ship was aban-

doned by the crew before it sank in relatively shallow water off Thirukkovil, Sri Lanka, and was a total loss.

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■ **ELECTRICITY:** Group seeks backing of Niagara Region

# Industry shifts gears on power break request

**ROB HOULE**  
Business Network

A group representing heavy industry is continuing its lobby for a break on the cost of electricity.

The Industrial Power Users of Niagara, led by ASW Steel president Tim Clutterbuck, were before Niagara Region council recently asking for its support for the latest incarnation of the Beck Economic Cluster.

IPUN had been asking the province to offer industry within 50 kilometres of the Sir Adam Beck power generation station in Niagara Falls a two cent per kilowatt-hour break over 10 years on the cost of electricity.

That break, IPUN argued, would counter the lure of cheaper electricity being used to attract industry investment in New York State — power often purchased by the state at a discount from Ontario. IPUN said discounted electricity cost Ontario ratepayers \$450 million in 2014.

The Ministry of Energy three cold water on that plan in a QMI Agency Niagara story published in May, citing two programs already in place, that offer heavy industry access to rebates — the Industrial Conservation Initiative and the Industrial Electricity Incentive.

The ICEI program offers industry incentives to shift their consumption away from peak hours. A ministry spokeswoman said on average, ICEI program participants saved 25% off their bills.

The IEI program offers reduced electricity rates over 10 years to companies that expand operations and create jobs. New companies had to make an investment of \$250 million to qualify. Under IEI, eligible companies only pay the market price of electricity on the additional consumption until 2020.

The province rolled out IEI Stream 3 in the fall, which opened the program to more energy-intensive industries such as greenhouse operators and refrigerated warehousing.

Going forward, the Industrial Power Users of Niagara want the next Industrial Electricity Incentive program opened up to smaller players in industry. To retain industry within the Beck cluster, IPUN is suggesting the next stream of the IEI program give a break to companies that do not plan an expansion.

"The company I'm with, we were one of the six companies that were part of the IEI 2 program, and I thought it to be a very good program," Clutterbuck said this week.

"But it only addresses growth and consumption, it does nothing to help with retention of existing manufacturing. So I thought this is a program that would benefit a lot of companies. If it were to be expanded into a portion of the baseline, it could support retention as well as growth."

"I thought it would provide some relief to industries that have been around for a long time and have trouble managing through

the volatility of the existing market."

Clutterbuck said IPUN would like to see the breaks offered on 50% of an applicant's current power load.

Such a move, IPUN said, would save one-megawatt users of electricity \$0.015 to \$0.02 per kWh on 15% to 20% of their baseline. He said such a plan limited to industry in the Beck cluster would cost the province \$21 million annually, money that could be recouped by adding a \$0.003 kWh surcharge to the electricity sold to the U.S.

IPUN's request to council was that it make electricity relief for Niagara industries its next top priority after dealing with daily GO train service to Niagara Falls and to continue providing financial and staff support for the initiative.

"It's minimal. I'm looking for probably somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$10,000 to maybe \$15,000 over the next six months," Clutterbuck said of the cash sought from the Region to move the provincial request forward.

"Industry is prepared to foot 50% of the bill."

While regional councillors spoke in support of the IPUN request and acknowledged the high toll of electricity rates on industry, they voted to kick the request to chief administrative Harry Schlange for a report.

While agreeing "our powers are higher than others and it is a deterrent to business and it needs to be fixed," regional Chair-

man Alan Caslin said it was important to receive staff input before acting on the IPUN request "to get it right, because there's a lot of ways to get this wrong."

"I don't necessarily want to go to the province and simply say, 'Reduce our rates' without a plan and a system to help them to facilitate what our request really is."

Clutterbuck said he was a little taken aback that council deferred IPUN's request.

"I didn't anticipate that, I have to be

honest, it wasn't something I anticipated," he said. "It's something I can live with, provided that it's expedited and it doesn't drag."

"I don't intend to stop our efforts. The Region is certainly there and I want their support, and I think they're ready to give it to me, but it's not like I'm sitting on my hands waiting for something to happen at the region."

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**Breakfast served with Maloney, Jeffs**

John Maloney will give his first state-of-the-city address since being elected Port Colborne mayor last fall at a breakfast

later this month.

The two-hour State of the Communities Breakfast, hosted by Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce, will be served up at Port Colborne Country Club, on Golf Course Rd. in Wainfleet, starting 8 a.m.

Both Maloney and Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs will wish up the

latest news and forecasts for their municipalities on Thursday, April 30.

People planning to attend must RSVP by calling 905-834-3765 or e-mailing [katie@pcwcchamber.com](mailto:katie@pcwcchamber.com) by April 28.

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## TRANSPORTATION

# 'Our time' for GO train, Niagara Falls mayor says

ROB HOULE  
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As far as the mayor of Niagara Falls is concerned, getting regular GO train service to his city is "non-negotiable."

Jim Diiodati said during an update Thursday on Niagara Region's GO train file that the service has been responsible for the "rust-belt renaissance" of Hamilton and surrounding area.

"We are next," he said. "And it's important — this has to be non-negotiable. There is only one answer. And there's only one question, and that is when? And we stick to this. It's our time."

The update to regional council by chief administrative officer Harry Schlang and Matt Robinson, the Region's associate director of communications who is the project lead, said final touches are being put on the business case for daily GO

train service to Niagara Falls. That business case is to be presented to Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca during a meeting April 27.

Robinson and Schlang said the business case will present a cost of \$150 million to extend the train service from Hamilton to Niagara Falls with stops in Grimsby and St. Catharines along existing CN lines.

In answer to a question from Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn, Schlang said past capital rail projects have been cost-shared with one-third borne by Metrolinx (an agency of the provincial government), one-third by the province and one-third by the municipality.

Robinson said the estimated travel time from Niagara Falls to Hamilton is 70 minutes, with it taking another 50 minutes from Hamilton to Union Station in downtown Toronto.

Niagara Falls Coun. Bart Maves expressed concern with the length of time to and from Hamilton. Robinson said the 70 minutes included layovers on each side of the Welland Canal to accommodate shipping.

"Are we attempting to eliminate that?" Maves asked. "The reason I ask is because I can drive my car to Hamilton in 35 minutes."

Schlang said it is important to get the province's green light for GO train service, "we'll continue to work with the St. Lawrence Sea-way on scheduling. But right now, we're including the layover so it wouldn't be seen as a barrier to get to yes."

The Region's business case centres on 14 trains — seven each way — going between Hamilton and Niagara Falls daily.

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DAVE ABEL/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Niagara Region should not take no for an answer when it comes to daily GO train service to Niagara Falls, that city's mayor says.

## FUNDRAISING

# United Way reaches its \$650,000 goal

The United Way of South Niagara managed to reach its goal, after all.

During the organization's Campaign

Celebration Friday morning at Sparrow Lakes Golf Course, United Way executive director Tamara Coleman-Lawrie announced the organization successfully reached its campaign \$650,000 campaign goal, despite reporting that the organization was still \$50,000 short as of mid-March.

"It takes an incredible amount of commitment from members of our community to have helped us raise additional funds to help meet the need of people who are struggling and who need a hand up," Coleman-Lawrie said in a media release issued Friday afternoon.

It was the first time since 2009 that the United Way campaign had exceeded \$600,000, and Coleman-Lawrie attributed the success to the ongoing commitment of supporters, increased corporate and individual donations, new programs and the efforts of staff and volunteers.

"United Way continues to be a pillar in our community that encourages participation and constant social improvements," she said. "We are endlessly grateful for our supporters who recognize the importance United Way plays in helping those in need."

The United Way also presented awards to several of its supporters during the event.

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# LOCAL NEWS

■ **TRIBUTE:** GoFundMe account aims to raise \$1,000

## Tree and plaque to be memorial for Tourand

GREG FURMINGER  
PatzMedia Network

A GoFundMe account has been established towards the planting of a memorial tree for Courtney Tourand, a Port Colborne woman whose life was cut short almost two years ago.

As of Friday morning, \$610 had been raised of a \$1,000 goal to cover the cost of the tree, its species yet undetermined, and a sentimental plaque.

"I'd like to get it put along the canal where people can visit and we can go to think about Courtney," said one of her three sisters, Lindsay Tourand.

She said she would also like the memorial to be a consciousness-raising tool for people who are suffering from addiction and the families trying to help them.

Courtney, who was found dead in August 2013 at the age of 31, had turned to alcohol

after being diagnosed with the Huntington's gene, the same that left her father diseased for 17 years before his death. Alcohol was the coping mechanism of a woman whose mom had also died.

The troubles experienced by the young woman were recently recounted in court, where late this past February Harry Gleason Leavere, 45, was sentenced to serve seven years in prison for manslaughter.

Soon after Courtney's death, family and friends started a memorial that included her picture and flowers affixed to a utility pole outside the West St. building where she was found. It was suggested soon afterward by a city employee that a permanent memorial be considered.

Harry Hakim, Port Colborne's community services manager, said when people come to the municipality with

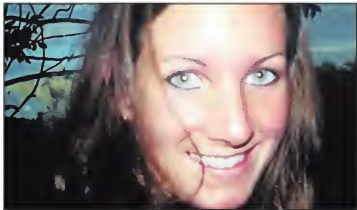
a request to erect a memorial, it will work with families toward satisfying their wishes.

The city's commemorative park bench, tree, marker stone and plaque program operates on a cost-recovery basis, and is separate from a policy that addresses temporary roadside memorials.

The city may help identify which locations are suitable for plantings or fixtures, and may assist in tree selection from municipal stock.

Lindsay Tourand is hoping that a tree can be planted this spring.

To contribute to the Courtney's Tree Dedication Fund, visit [www.gofundme.com/pgj-nus](http://www.gofundme.com/pgj-nus).



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# LOCAL NEWS

■ **COURT:** Victoria Harvey, others accused of killing Alex Fraser

## Lawyer says client innocent of murder charge

**BILL SAWCHUK**  
Postmedia Network

Victoria Harvey hasn't entered a plea in court to her first-degree murder charge, but her lawyer says she is innocent.

"When she enters a plea, it will be not guilty," Anthony Robbins said outside court in St. Catharines Thursday.

"She didn't plan a murder," Harvey, 20, is one of four people charged with the first-

degree murder of Alex Fraser. She made a brief appearance in bail court via video link from the Vanier Centre for Women correctional institute in Milton.

Details of the bail hearing are subject to a publication ban and cannot be reported. Fraser, a 49-year-old Niagara Falls man, vanished without a trace on Boxing Day when his burning car was discovered near the Niagara River in Fort Erie. The Ni-

agara Regional Police dive unit began searching the hydro canal near the Welland River in January, but had to put the search on hold in February due to bitter temperatures and icy conditions.

On March 17 around 6 p.m., police recovered Fraser's body from the Sir Adam Beck Generating Stations in Niagara Falls.

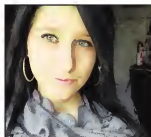
Harvey, along with Brad MacGarvie, 25, Thomas Nagy, 25, and Duran Wilson, 29, all

of Niagara Falls are charged with Fraser's murder. MacGarvie, Nagy and Wilson are being held at the Niagara Detention Centre.

Robbins said Harvey has been subpoenaed to testify as a witness at preliminary hearings for MacGarvie, Nagy and Wilson. They are scheduled to take place Aug. 5.

Fraser, a father of two, grew up in Hamilton and had lived in Niagara Falls for a number of years.

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Victoria Harvey

### CITY OF PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC NOTICE

**CLOSING OF PART OF ORIGINAL ROAD ALLOWANCE  
BETWEEN LOTS 16 AND 17 CONCESSION 5  
AND**

**CLOSING OF PART OF ORIGINAL ROAD ALLOWANCE  
BETWEEN LOTS 24 AND 25 CONCESSION 4**



Take Notice that the Council of the City of Port Colborne will hold a public meeting to consider a by-law to permanently close part of the original road allowance between Lots 16 and 17, Concession 5 and to permanently close part of the original road allowance between Lots 24 and 25, Concession 4. These road closes are for pieces of road allowance that were thought to have been stopped up and closed during the construction of the Welland Canal bypass.

#### Details of the Public Meeting:

Date: April 27, 2015  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Council Chambers, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

1. The portion of the unimproved and untraveled portion of the original road allowance between Lots 16 and 17, Concession 5, in the former geographic Township of Humberstone, now in the City of Port Colborne and municipally known as the unimproved and untraveled portion of Kleinsmith Road immediately south of the Townline Tunnel lands and designated as Part 10 on the Reference Plan S9R-15312 dated March 18, 2015. The parcel is a landlocked parcel north of the road allowance closed by by-law 3412/14/3/196 and registered as Instrument Number R0719834 during the construction of the Welland Canal bypass.
2. The portion of the unimproved and untraveled portion of the original road allowance between Lots 24 and 25, Concession 4, north of the road allowance between concessions 3 and 4 and south of the Welland Canal, in the former geographic Township of Humberstone, now in the City of Port Colborne, designated as Parts 1, 7 and 8 on the Reference Plan S9R-15310 dated March 18, 2015.

The Reference Plans illustrating the two road allowances are available for inspection (together with this notice) on the municipality's website [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca) and in the Clerk's Office.

Written and/or oral comments will be considered at the public meeting and can be forwarded to the undersigned. Written comments should be submitted by no later than Friday, April 17. Council will hear any person or their counsel, solicitor or agent who claims his/her land will be prejudicially affected by the proposed by-law and who applies to be heard at the meeting.

Additional information related to the road closing can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk at 905-835-2901 ext. 106.

Dated at Port Colborne this 19th day of March 2015.

Ashley Grigg, Clerk  
City of Port Colborne  
66 Charlotte Street  
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### COLLEGE



**BOB TYMCZYSYN** POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Despite cool spring weather, the Project Brew 2015 craft beer and local food festival drew crowds to the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus of Niagara College.

## Beer brewers share their craft

**BOB TYMCZYSYN**  
Postmedia Network

In a region already brimming with wine and food, the Brewmaster and Brewery Operations program at Niagara College is expanding the scene even further.

"It's doing so well with its Project Brew 2015, a craft beer festival that celebrates the accomplishments of the graduating class."

"Every semester, the graduating class will be putting on a festival like this," said Doug Steele, who is in the fourth-semester class.

"One of our projects is to brew a beer from start to finish. We design the recipe. We package it. We do everything."

"Today we are showcasing those beers in this festival."

Twenty-two different beers were available to taste, one from each student.

And because they might not be to everyone's taste, five different commercial breweries from the area were also in attendance along with three food trucks.

Steele, a retiree, came to the program more from interest in the craft than from looking to find a new career.

When he started, he and his wife sold

their home in Toronto. Now they have decided to stay in Niagara.

Steele said the experience has been fantastic, and he lauded the very cohesive class.

"Typically when brewing, you need two or three people to be working together," he said.

"There's a real passion for beer that we're trying to make sure gets across to everybody."

The beer fest is important because it implements all the theoretical studies into practical application, said Anetta Jewell, professor at Niagara College teaching brewery.

"It's for the student to go through all the steps in order to prepare for a beer festival or event."

As well as the actual brewing, there were different areas students needed to work out like logistics, outreach, promotions and administration.

"And most importantly, ensuring that guests have a good time," added Jewell.

That was the sentiment shared by many in the central courtyard at the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus.

"So far so good," said Vicky Goodyear, a self-described beer drinker in training as she sipped on her fruity Belgian-style beer.



■ **NIAGARA HOSPITALS:** NDP leader Andrea Horwath holds town hall meeting

# Health workers say they are 'stressed-out'

**ALLAN BENNER**  
Postmedia Network

Home care nurses, poised to go on strike last Friday morning, shared their concerns about an overwhelming workload with Andrea Horwath.

The provincial New Democratic Party leader heard from registered nurses — one of whom described working conditions at home care agencies as like being trapped in a rush-hour traffic jam in Toronto.

She heard from people from throughout Niagara, fearful of plans being implemented to close five hospitals and replace them with a single new site in Niagara Falls.

While Niagara faces some unique challenges, Horwath, the MP for Hamilton Centre, said most of the fears expressed during a town hall meeting at the Welland Civic Square Thursday were similar to concerns she's heard in many Ontario communities.

"The frustration and fear that people are feeling about what's happening to the health-care

system here is unfortunately echoed in many, many other communities around the province," Horwath said. "The government continues to say, 'We're putting more money into health care.' They're doing something awfully wrong if they keep putting more money into health care and yet the services continue to erode."

Ontario Health Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins said the ministry has invested heavily in Niagara's hospitals, increasing funding by 86% since 2003 and building a new hospital in St. Catharines. An additional \$26 million was recently spent on planning for the new south Niagara hospital.

"We want to make sure that our hospitals are providing the best care possible for Ontarians," he said, responding to questions via e-mail. "That's why we appointed Dr. Kevin Smith to run Niagara Health Services in a strong position to deliver high quality health care for Niagara patients."

He expressed confidence in Smith, the NHS chief executive officer who developed the recommendations for Niagara's

hospitals while working as a provincially appointed supervisor in 2012.

"We rely on experts and evidence to make our decisions on the services we provide for Ontarians," Hoskins said. "That sometimes means making tough decisions."

Nevertheless, Horwath said frontline workers are feeling "stressed-out and very worried," while the public has become concerned health care is not available for them in the way that it used to be.

With Niagara's aging population, she said the needs in the region are increasing.

"People are leaving hospitals sicker, people are lining up in emergency wards waiting for service," Horwath said. "People are not getting the kind of service they need, and with an aging demographic clearly in this region that has some serious implications in terms of people's well-being."

Ontario Nurses Association Local 26 president Loretta Tirabassi-Olinski said the NHS registered nurses she represents

have felt the pressure of underfunded community health-care services.

"As a health care worker, I always feel like I'm in a traffic jam in Toronto," she said. "I think our political and health-care leaders need to realize that we're not dealing with the same animal that we were even five years ago."

She said the province promised to enhance community health-care programs to take some of the pressure off hospitals.

"You guys led to us," she said. "You told us you were going to give us some home care and give us some relief."

Tirabassi-Olinski said hospital staff are now not only dealing with the "sickest patients coming in," they also need to continue providing care for patients who could be looked after at home if the government delivered on its promised community home care.

And the problem is likely to get worse, said registered practical nurse Tisham Castro from Carleton Place — a for-profit company

contracted by the Community Care Access Centre to provide home-care services in Niagara.

Castro said the home care workers, represented by OPSIU Local 294, were walking off the job at midnight due to unacceptable working conditions.

"We are not considered an essential service... we can go out on strike."

He said a majority of patients under the care of home-care nurses "are going to be forced to go to emergency rooms, which are already bursting at the seams."

Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Sandra O'Connor joined residents from Welland, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and Wainfleet sharing their common concerns about hospital closings.

Although community health-care services continue to be underfunded, she said it didn't prevent the closure of NOTL's hospital.

"They're not considering people in this whole paradigm," O'Connor said.

She said her diabetic father was admitted into the Port Col-

borne hospital after he was infected with methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). Her 94-year-old mother was left with no way of getting to Port Colborne to visit him on his death bed.

"I think that's inhumane," she said. "They should be taking that sort of thing into consideration."

Horwath said the minister of health is not listening.

"It's pretty worrisome that so many people both on the professional side and on the community side who have shot holes in the report (recommending the hospital closures), who have raised real serious criticism of that report, when a minister simply chooses his arms and says, 'I don't care what you say, this is what we're going with,' she said.

"That's a frightening thing, because it tells me it's not about the appropriate solutions for the community, it's about some other goal that the minister wants to achieve and that report justifies getting to that goal. That's not what we should be doing if we really want to be improving our health care."

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# LOCAL NEWS

■ **BUSINESS:** Tim Hortons testing Three Peaks Colombian

## Timmy's premium blend panned online

**ALLAN BENNER**  
Postmedia Network

With a Tim Hortons restaurant on

nearly every street corner, there's no doubt locals love their coffee.

But are Niagara residents willing to trade up their usual cup of joe for

something fancier and more expensive?

Tim Hortons announced last week the restaurant is introducing

a premium blend of coffee called Three Peaks Colombian, made with beans grown in Cauca, Colombia. It's currently only available in select markets, far from Niagara.

It's being sold for eight weeks in Abitibi, Que., Saint John and Moncton, N.B., and Sudbury and North Bay.

There was no indication of when or if the new coffee will be made available at local restaurants.

In last week's media release announcing the new coffee, which will be sold at a premium price, Tim Hortons chief executive officer David Clanachan said customers "are looking for new experiences and different tastes, so expanding our coffee portfolio makes perfect business sense."

The new coffee was introduced following the success of the dark roast coffee Tim Hortons started serving last year, which now accounts for about 15% of the chain's coffee sales.

In an e-mail, the company's director of public affairs, Michelle Robitchoff, said the test market response to the new coffee is "very encouraging" so far.

"The test launch will provide us with essential operational learnings and further insights into what our guests want, and if all goes well, we will explore expanding the offering at a future date," Robitchoff added.

In a survey posted on Niagara Sun Media newspaper websites, people were asked if they'd spend an extra 15 to 30 cents for a cup of Tim Hortons Three Peaks Colombian coffee. Most survey respondents — more than 70% — said no.

Several readers shared their thoughts about the franchise's plans commencing on local Sun Media newspaper websites.

"Tim Hortons is fortunate enough to be really the only relevant national chain in the market place in terms of discount coffee besides McDonald's," wrote one reader. "Unfortunately for Tim Hortons, they seem to have no idea who they are catering to anymore. They have a slew of products that don't make sense, and in terms of the premium offerings that they do have, the quality of the product is not even close to what Starbucks offers."

"Some people will think it's said — but I never liked Tim Hortons. Starbucks offers a better product at a premium price, and they attract exponentially more millennials by doing so."

Write another reader, "Yes, they should add a 'premium' roast because Tim Hortons coffee is horrible."

"I question how premium it would be considering the quality of literally everything they have on the menu."

"And just because it's better than the garbage they're currently selling doesn't mean it will be good."

Said another commenter: "Tim's should start offering soy milk in addition to milk or cream. With all the fancy and costly additions to their food and beverage lineup, I'm really surprised this small thing is overlooked."

Another suggested: "How about Fair Trade and/or organic/shade grown coffee at least?"

One reader welcomed the addition.

"Sure," he wrote. "Add whatever to the menu. It's just another choice. Really not a big deal."

Several comments were left by people who said they prefer visiting McDonald's in the morning.

"Yes a med. coffee and fresh muffin with butter \$1.98, tax in, at Micky D's" said one person.

"Doesn't matter now," another commenter said. "I've switched to McDonald's coffee and have never looked back. Far better taste and far away better service. No grumbling, complaining staff. No slow lines with only one cashier in training. No drive-thru lines out to the street!"

And wrote another reader, "I prefer McDonald's as well when I buy coffee, which isn't very often. I do, however, buy the McDonald's K-cups all the time."

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Keelia Tesfaye and Crystal Tache both agree that the cost of Tim Hortons new coffee doesn't bother them, as long as they can still have their coffee. They sampled their coffee on April 7 in front of a Tim Hortons in downtown St. Catharines.

# LOCAL NEWS

■ **CARBON MONOXIDE:** Alarms required in all homes by Wednesday

## Arm yourself against the silent killer

GREG FURMINGER  
Postmedia Network

It's time for every homeowner to arm themselves against the silent killer.

In fact, Ontario law says they must.

Where there's a fuel-burning appliance such as a gas water heater, stove or furnace; a fireplace or an attached garage, a working carbon monoxide alarm were to be installed adjacent to each sleeping area in a home no later than Wednesday.

The law passed by the legislature last fall takes effect April 15 for homes and dwellings with six or less residential apartment units.

The law also requires that in condo and apartment buildings with a service room or garage, carbon monoxide alarms be installed in the service room and outside sleeping areas of all suites above, below and beside those areas.

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sive model that's going to be a lifesaver," said fire prevention officer Cheri Busch of Welland Fire and Emergency Services.

Various types ranging from about \$20 to \$50 include plug-in units with backup battery, battery-only models and combination CO/smoke alarms.

"It's crucial to install the carbon monoxide alarms according to manufacturers' instructions," said Busch, adding their paperwork should be stored for safe keeping.

Knowing the sounds the alarms make is important as well. A test button will indicate the sound of the alarm, as opposed to a different sounding low-battery indicator. Units on the market today, like smoke alarms, typically expire after 10 years.

Landlords are required to install the devices in rental units, and law prohibits tampering by tenants.

Penalties for failing to

install CO alarms are far greater than the cost of the units.

Tickets can be issued starting Wednesday, for which accompanying fines, including a court surcharge and victims fee, can total between \$235 and \$360.

If the matter ends up in court, fines can climb as high as \$50,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for corporations.

Because CO mixes with air, they can be installed at any height, unless part of a combination smoke alarm that must be ceiling-mounted.

Invisible, tasteless and odourless, carbon monoxide is deadly. The "silent killer" is produced by fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or

wood in fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, gas or wood fireplaces, hot water heaters, stoves, barbecues, portable fuel-burning heaters, generators and vehicles.

"The only way anyone is going to know (if they have a CO problem) is to have one of these devices in their home," says Niagara Falls chief fire prevention officer Brian Dickson to those people who think they can live without.

The adjustment to the new law for homeowners should be minimal in Niagara Falls, where a bylaw has been in effect since 2009 requiring all homes to be equipped with a carbon monoxide alarm.

Owners of residential buildings with more than six

suites have until Oct. 15 to comply with the new regulations.

But Dickson suggested it is "morally" proper to act now rather than to hold out until fall.

Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches and nausea, drowsiness, confusion, in severe cases it can cause brain damage and death.

The law stems from the December 2008 deaths of Laurie Hawkins, an OPP constable, her husband Richard and children Cassandra and Jordan, all who died of CO poisoning in their Woodstock, Ont., home, where a bird's nest had plugged a gas fireplace exhaust vent.

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For more carbon monoxide safety tips, visit [Ontario.ca/remarsharalorCOsafety.ca](http://Ontario.ca/remarsharalorCOsafety.ca).

Welland Fire and Emergency Service encourages anyone with questions about the new law to call its fire prevention office at 905-735-9322, ext. 231.



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If Scott Maxwell chose to look at the world that way, he'd never do anything. On a planet of six billion people, he is but one man.

But he doesn't see it that way. "I learned a long time ago that you cannot save everyone. You just can't. You cannot be everywhere, or help everyone," said the high school teacher and chair of Wells of Hope, a local charity best known for shipping backpacks of school and hygiene supplies to impoverished communities in Guatemala.

"What you can do is help this person. You can help this village. You can make life a little better for this group of kids," Maxwell said.

"That isn't going to change the world, but I think you have to do what you can, where you can."

Wells of Hope's primary mission, as its name suggests, is to dig freshwater wells for those communities, improving the lives of thousands of people in the process.

For the past 11 years, Maxwell has helped Wells of Hope provide clean water to people living in poverty in the villages near Jalapa, Guatemala, a community about a three-hour drive from

Guatemala City.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake based charity group was founded in 2004 by Ted Vander Zalm. After graduating university, Vander Zalm travelled to Africa to do missionary work.

Part of that work involved digging wells for communities without access to clean water.

"He didn't have any experience," Maxwell said.

"They basically handed him his equipment and told him to go dig the wells. He had to learn as he went. He was literally digging some of them by hand."

After a few years, however, Maxwell and Zalm married and started a family. He returned to Canada and his well-digging days were over.

Or so he thought.

Maxwell said Vander Zalm gave presentations about the work he did in Africa, and word travelled. Eventually, a woman from Jalapa contacted him, asking Vander Zalm to do for her community what he had done in Africa.

Once Vander Zalm, who is currently in Guatemala working on a wells projects, got a clear picture of the problems in Jalapa, he pulled together some like-minded people to start working on clean water wells in the area.

Maxwell said the first trips to Jalapa were a serious learning experience for the group. They were not using the best equipment, did not have a geologist on staff nor even a clear idea of the flow of underground aquifers.

Each year, some 2,000 children become sick from waterborne illness in the community, con-

tributing to the area's high rate of infant mortality. Many children do not go to school, poverty is rampant, health care is poor and the kind of social safety net enjoyed by Canadians just does not exist.

Women and children, Maxwell said, often have to walk several hours a day to reach a water supply, and there is no guarantee the water isn't contaminated.

"There are people who are effectively drinking contaminated water every day, but that is the only water they have access to," said Maxwell.

It did not take the fledgling charity long to understand they were going to have to do more than just dig a few wells and return to Canada.

The long-term health of the wells was key to their success. That meant not just maintaining them, but teaching the local residents to do it.

"We figured out pretty quickly we would be there for at least 10 years," Maxwell said.

Since those early days, Wells of Hope has acquired better, more effective equipment, dug a dozen wells and installed accompanying infrastructure that now provides clean water to some 50,000 people in Jalapa and the surrounding area.

Soon after Wells of Hope arrived, the people in Jalapa began asking for assistance with other issues.

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"Ted is the kind of person who, if someone comes to him for

help, he won't say no. He'll say how can we get it done?" Maxwell said.

Alongside the ongoing clean water projects, Wells of Hope ships clothes, hygiene products and even firefighting gear donated by Niagara firefighters to Jalapa.

School groups often visit the area in the spring and assist with building projects, Maxwell said.

He said Wells of Hope wants to eventually expand its reach beyond Guatemala, but will be in Jalapa for several years to come.

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## OBITUARY: Jacques Dubois

# Welland's Order of Canada recipient has died

ALLAN BENNER  
Postmedia Network

A man who dedicated much of his long life to the betterment of his community has died.

Dr. Jacques Denis Dubois, whose work as a Welland physician and as a promoter of francophone culture in the city earned him the Order of Canada in 2002, was laid to rest during a funeral mass Saturday.

He died Wednesday at the age of 92. "He will always be remembered as our doctor who fought for French causes, whether it was in schools or the church," said Alain Breton, who spent many years serving with Dubois as members of Club Richelieu.

"He was a real leader for the club right up until the very end, he was still very active at our suppers until illness took him away this week."

Dubois earned his medical degree at the University of Montreal in 1949, before moving to Welland where he spent the next 40 years catering to the residents of this community — particularly its then growing francophone population.

During that time, Dubois and his wife of 65 years Marguerite Castonguay raised seven children.

As a physician, Dubois served as the chief of staff at the Welland County General Hospital, and in the 1970s he was appointed to chair a provincial French language Health Services Task Force for Ontario.

But his commitment to the community exceeded just caring for people's medical needs.

In 1957, Dubois became the founding president of Club Richelieu, and Breton said he was one of a few members who have served in that role twice — returning to the organization's leadership in 1988.

Welland's Ward 5 Coun. Rocky Letourneau said Dubois was instrumental in many of Club Richelieu's accomplishments, such as establishing Foyer Richelieu — Welland's French-language long-term care home.

Dubois was also very active in education, serving with the Welland School Board from 1951 to 1971.

Letourneau said the French language elementary and secondary schools in the city were largely the result of the work Dubois did promoting the needs of francophone families in Welland.

Breton said the church pews were packed with friends and family during the funeral mass Saturday at Sacre Coeur church, as an old friend of Dubois, Roger Babin, read his eulogy.

Former regional councillor Dan Fortier, a member of the city's committee working to develop a memorial garden at the Welland Mart, hopes to include a tribute to Dubois in that garden as well.

"He was a big supporter of the francophone community," he said.

Although the death of Peter Kormos in 2012 was the impetus for plans to develop the garden, Fortier said it was since expanded to include other prominent political leaders.

"But also, it might be appropriate to take a look at including community leaders to be added to that area," Fortier said, adding Dubois "would certainly be included in the overall plan."

Fortier said he'd also like to see some sort of recognition for Dubois in Welland's French Town neighbourhood.

He said it should be "something of significance that would reflect all his tremendous efforts, to say the least."

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## EARTH DAY

# Group talking climate change

**ROB HOULE**  
Postmedia Network

It's a global issue, but it can be tackled at the local level.

The St. Catharines Federal Liberal Association is hosting a non-political town hall meeting April 22, which just happens to be Earth Day, to discuss the issue of climate change and what it means to Niagara.

"We've been really concerned about the climate change issue and how there's a sort of paralysis around it," said Climate Change and the Green Economy organizer Jane Dywan.

"It's sort of like too big of an issue and people block it out."

Dywan said the goal of the town hall gathering is to get people talking about climate change and what they can do to affect change.

Noted clean-tech venture capitalist, environmentalist and author Tom Rand will be the guest speaker.

Dywan said the author of *Kick the Fossil Fuel Habit* and *Waking the Frog* will provide a "no-nonsense look at climate change with special emphasis on the economic opportunities involved in moving to a low-carbon economy."

In addition to Rand, the event will feature a panel discussion with environmentalists like Greening Niagara executive director Jane Hanlon and John Bacher, president of the Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society.

"They will bring the issues down to what will happen here in Niagara — how will this affect Niagara," Dywan said. "We know there is worldwide concern, but what about Niagara?"

She said her group hopes to reach out to people confused by comments posted by climate change deniers at the end of some online stories.

"And people are reading that, and they don't know what to believe," Dywan said. "We don't expect people who are absolutely deniers are going to care and want to come, but there's a lot of people who have questions and just aren't sure what to think about the whole issue — those are the type of people I think would be good to attract."

The event takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Ontario St. in St. Catharines. Admission is free, but people are asked to RSVP online at [www.eventbrite.ca/e/earth-day-town-hall-tickets-16168758191](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/earth-day-town-hall-tickets-16168758191).

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# Foodbanks vs. food cards

RAY SPITERI

Postmedia Network

Food cards versus food banks.

Woodstock has gone with the former, and it's an idea that has caught the attention of Niagara politicians and agencies helping those living in poverty.

"It's an interesting concept," St. Catharines city Coun. Mat Siscoe said of replacing food banks with grocery cards.

"It provides more dignity for users. In the U.S., with food stamps, there's a lot of stigma attached to it, but in Woodstock, it seems to be different."

Instead of food banks, where food is collected and kept in warehouses, Woodstock has moved to a program where customers can donate cash at grocery stores. The money is used to fund food cards given to recipients. The cards are only good for non-taxable staple items and allows people to shop for themselves.

Supporters say it's a more efficient way to help those in need. There would be no need to ship food to food banks, no need for staff to sort through countless donations and no expenses associated with maintaining warehouses.

"Obviously, there are pros and cons, but I'd like to sit down and talk to the people in the poverty community in Niagara about this," said Siscoe.

Niagara Falls regional Coun. Selina Volpatti, who is a founding member of Project SHARE in Niagara Falls, said she sees a lot of positives in the card concept. She said some people feel shame when they go to a food bank, a feeling that could be eliminated with cards.

"Some food banks are hard to get to because if a person can't afford food, they can't afford a vehicle. With food cards, they can go in their own neighborhood where they can shop," said Volpatti. "We can also save some money when it comes to personnel at food banks having to sort out food."

She said a major expense at Project SHARE is the warehouse for food.

"It would be a whole different ball game if they gave out cards."

Pam Sharp, community development co-ordinator with Project SHARE, said it's up to each community to decide what works for them.

"We wouldn't mind that to format at this point. We rely on donors (a lot of whom prefer to give food than money) and we do have a food room set up, like a mini store, which caters to families' tastes and their dietary concerns."

Sharp said Project SHARE serves about 39,000 clients a year. She said the agency hit an all-time high during the past few months in the number of clients they help each day.

"The need is very high in Niagara and we do notice we have less busy when peoples' Ontario Works cheques come in, which shows they are only coming in when they absolutely have to."

Betty-Lou Souter, chief executive officer with Community Care of

St. Catharines & Thorold, said she applauds anyone who comes up with "ways to fill tummies," but she has "philosophical differences" with the Woodstock approach.

She said while Community Care helps 1,850 individuals and families each month, the Woodstock food bank assisted fewer than 300.

Souter said Community Care clients receive \$100 to \$150 worth of food every other month or six times a year, which allows them to "stretch their food dollars." She said individuals in Woodstock get \$20 to \$25 food cards once a month.

She said Community Care has its own grocery store and people have the "freedom of choice."

"We encourage them to balance their diet."

Souter questions the dignity and individual choice aspects of food cards as opposed to food banks.

"The cards identify certain things you can't buy, from my understanding. If you give out a card ... you're not protecting that person's anonymity."

Mark Carl, executive director of the Hope Centre in Welland, said he can see the pros and cons of both systems, but supports the status quo in Niagara until "more details" come out. He said although it might not happen often, people could sell the cards and use the money for other purposes.

The Hope Centre sees about 35 individuals and families each day.

Carl said several agencies in Niagara don't just provide food, they also offer social programs to help people get out of poverty.

For example, he said people might come in looking for food and the agency finds out that person has an addiction problem. Staff can refer that person to the appropriate agency that can best help that individual.

"It's services that you can't get at a grocery store. That's an important part of the system that's in place — we offer community services that are intended to lift people out of poverty."

Sharp agreed, saying clients who come to them for emergency food must one-on-one with a client support worker, who often can provide them with additional supports and resources they may not have known about.

"We are more than just a food bank," she said. "We are striving towards food security, and addressing all aspects of poverty."

Volpatti said if Niagara agencies were to move towards food cards, she would like to see them remain to provide essential social services for those living in poverty.

Souter said Community Care offers 17 programs for clients, including food, housing and money management.

"Food is only one issue of poverty. There is no question that I support any effort and idea that tries to lift people out of poverty, but is (food cards) practical based on the numbers we have? It's inconsistent with that part of it."

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# No gender issues on Habitat job site

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Throughout her 28-year career, one moment has always stood out in Tara Christensen's mind.

It happened when she was a teenager taking on a summer job at her father's construction company.

He brought her to get outfitted with safety gear and the sales clerk looked at her curiously.

After sizing her up for men's steel-toed boots — because the safety supply store didn't carry footwear, or anything for that matter, made for women — the female sales associate asked: "So honey, will you be the one holding the sign?"

"I was so offended," recalled Christensen, who has since gone on to become a project manager for her family's business, PEC Roof Maintenance, as well as the first female president of the Niagara Construction Association, a role she held from 2009-10.

As a woman in construction, it's a feeling she now 47-year old has felt before and will likely experience again.

But from that moment, Christensen made it her mission not only to find success in the industry, but to also encourage other women looking to do the same.

That's why she was elated when Habitat for Humanity appointed her with a new initiative that was right up her alley.

The organization, which constructs homes with interest-free mortgages for low-income families, was looking to host the region's first Women's Build.

To take place in June, the project will see females from all walks of life and all different skill sets come together to build two homes in the area of Bald and Fraser Sts. in Welland. It's a concept seen before in other Habitat communities, but never before in Niagara.

"The timing was right," Habitat chief executive officer Alastair Davis said of the organization's decision to embark on its inaugural Women's Build.

"We had the land to do it and great cooperation and support from the City of Welland."

Habitat has built more homes in Welland than anywhere else in the region, Davis said, cred-

iting cooperation, participation and business support.

The Women's Build adds one more element to what's an already unique home-building experience, he said.

Theme-based builds — such as student builds or blitz builds, in which a home is built in a weekend — are often successful and garner plenty of community buy-in, he added.

"It brings people together as a team for specific reasons," Davis said.

"This time, women get to work as a group. It's all a part of what makes it appealing and exciting. We can't wait for it to get underway."

Christensen, who co-chairs the project's steering committee alongside Yvonne Hendriks, hopes the all-female build will indicate to young people that women can work in any profession and are just as skilled as any man.

"It's inspiring for a young girl who wants to choose construction as a job path," she said.

While barriers still exist for females in construction, more women are seen on job sites

and taking on various roles in the industry. It's encouraging for those in or thinking about entering the field, she added.

Christensen noted she's looking forward for the first time in her career to not being the minority on a construction site. Her advice to potential Habitat volunteers: "Just don't be afraid."

Jump in, she said, and experience the sense of pride in seeing "the fruits of your labour" standing tall in the community.

For steering committee co-chair and Homes by Hendriks president Yvonne Hendriks, the Women's Build was not only an opportunity to bring females together, but also a chance to honour the memory of her late husband, Ron.

Ron was an integral part of planning Habitat's 2010 Blitz Build, where a house was built in Welland in just 48 hours.

"I wasn't sure if I could do it because I was going through a transition," Hendriks recalled of the difficult time following Ron's death in 2013.

She ultimately decided to take on the project as a tribute to

her spouse, who found great joy partnering with Habitat.

"When the actual build happened, when we were able to see the family, meet the family who was receiving the home, it was really a positive, wonderful experience," she said of the 2010 project, adding she's anticipating a similar experience this time around.

Hendriks, a director on the Niagara Home Builders Association board, encouraged all women, whether or not they have construction experience, to get involved with the build, learn new skills and help two deserving families in the community.

The future owners of the homes have yet to be selected and applications are still being accepted through Habitat for Humanity's St. Catharines office.

Both Hendriks and Christensen credited members of the steering committee, including local women in the construction industry, as well as Habitat staff for working hard to make the Women's Build possible.

But before the project can literally get off the ground, help is needed from the community in the form of donations of materials and services, as well as money to help cover the cost of the land.

"The most meaningful way for organizations, businesses, service clubs, even churches to donate is to sponsor a day through the Adopt-a-Day program," Davis said.

Through the program, a group sponsors one day on the job site and its members come out to spend that day working on the build.

"It's a bonding experience. Hopefully you leave with a smile and a dirty Habitat T-shirt," Davis said with a laugh.

"You have to do it to understand. It's a unique and special experience."

Anyone interested in sponsoring a day on the build site can contact Karen Dolyntuk, 905-685-7395 ext. 205. For product donations, call Keith Gowans at ext. 202.

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# CBC radio news veteran retires

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For Bernie McNamee, it was a moment of humanity that shook him to the core.

Soon after the murder of St.

Catharines teen Kristen French in 1992, the senior CBC Radio broadcaster was invited into the home of her parents Doug and Donna French.

"I can remember arriving at

the Frenchs' home, then driving around the block several times," said McNamee, who retired last week as the long-serving co-host on CBC Radio's national flagship newscast *The World at Six*.

"And I thought, 'I shouldn't be doing this. This is a colossal invasion of their privacy.' After this horrendous, terrible thing happened to their daughter, I was being allowed into their home," he said in a precise, smooth voice familiar to any CBC radio listener.

"These people were basically crushed, but they wanted to talk about their daughter ... the great person Kristen was, the A student, the athlete. And of course, they also became great advocates for victims' rights issues."

These moments of towering class and character touched McNamee in his long career in journalism.

"I think it's that spirit of goodwill and courage that comes from terrible adversity," he said.

McNamee reflected on the national profile he gained through his radio career in an interview inside his sister's Pen Centre-area house, where he was staying for a family get-together.

Born and raised in St. Catharines, the 62-year-old is one of seven siblings in a family that has enduring ties to the area. As a youth in the Garden City, McNamee's passion for news came early.

"I was always interested in news and what was going on in the world," he said. "As a kid, I'd listen to all-news stations on a transistor radio."

After graduating from Denis Morris High School, he launched his dream by studying in the Niagara College radio and television program.

While there, he got some real-world experience at the CHSC and also CKTB AM stations in St. Catharines.

McNamee recalls with a laugh that he once complained to his CHSC boss about his paltry \$2.50 compensation for covering evening assignments like school board and city hall meetings.

"I told him that it basically wasn't even covering my gas," he said.

"His reply was 'Well, it's experience, young man!'"

Stints followed at CKNX-TV in Wingham, Ont. and as a newscaster with then-prominent AM radio station CFRA in Ottawa. After some Toronto radio work, he followed that with four years at CTV Toronto as a television reporter and editor.

During a nasty CTV lockout, it dawned on him that radio was his natural calling.

"My first love is radio. I think I like the

anonymity," he said. "I always had it in the back of my mind that I'd end up at the CBC ... especially for radio news, that was the place."

After some television freelancing, including the television program *Travel Magazine*, he was hired in 1989 by CBC's National Radio News as an overnight newscaster. Eventually as a CBC broadcast journalist based in Toronto, he hosted several news programs.

In 1995, he joined the team that started *The World at Six* Weekend. After other hosting gigs at the Mother Corp., he was promoted in 2003 to the *World at Six* broadcasts — as lofty as it gets in Canadian news radio.

"I felt very fortunate," he said. "But it was somewhat daunting sitting in the same seat as Russ Gormain, Rob Onley ... these people I'd been listening to years. They were all very welcoming."

McNamee also remembers a day seared into the minds of a generation, especially those who reported on it — Sept. 11, 2001. He was on the tennis court when he learned about the terror attacks.

Immediately, he was summoned to the studio.

"I think I was at work for the next 24 hours. It was a crazy time ... the adrenaline starts flowing and you go into automatic," he said.

"You think about the thousands who have died, but then you have to go on the air and report it. And you have to keep your emotions intact. But not become a robot. The listener wants a hint of emotion, but you have to do your job and stay steady."

"As a journalist, it's a time you really show your mettle."

He is not the only McNamee sibling in media.

His sister, Vancouver-based Susan McNamee — once a local reporter — formally retired as a CBC newscaster in 2011, after more than three decades there. At one time, brother and sister even read the *World at Six* together.

Another sister, Carolyn Medland, a retired Niagara Catholic District School Board teacher, said that the gift of the job is in the family blood.

"We all love to talk, we're just a talking family," she said.

"Every year we have a big party at Bernie's we call McNamee."

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